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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRI-CADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE

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Maxim Gorky has hopes for Russia.

Governor Broward is accused of nepotism-the worst since Grant's

Roosevelt's popularity is in danger. Sam Jones is engaged in singing his praises.

J. Emmet Wolfe, of Pensacola, has been made private secretary to the governor.

Senator Platt says that he expects to die with his business suit on. To which the Atlanta Journal adds "and with Mae Woods lawsuit on, also."

A Hamilton county farmer has already sold this season \$1100 worth of bacon. That farmer is setting a pace that means much for every farmer in Florida.

Sam Jones says that the tide of immigration is now turned in the direction of the southwest and the population of that section is rapiply increasing.

After a trial of thirteen years the dispensary system of South Carolina is pronounced a failure. Its history is a history of graft. The revelations are sickening and astounding.

Science has at last unmasked Miss Stegomyia Ficiati and is about outwitting her. She kept her true character concealed for a long time; but, in the end, science must triumph over all the earth.

Placing the railroads in the hands of a commission is something like voting a county dry-it is disappointing. The puoyant and enthusiastic hopes of the voter are far from being realized.

"Putnam county will continue to take her liquor straight while Volusia county citizens persist in clinging to peruna," are the comments of the Apalachicola Times on the wet and dry elections recently held in the above counties

A bank failure now and then is no indication that the country is going to the dogs. There will be suspensions and failures as long as there are banks and men are not angels. The number of failures to the number of banks are, however, small.

Editor Adrian P. Jordan of the Punta Gorda Herald, is getting the praise from the state press that he so justly deserves and has so fairly won. For being the brightest, wittiest and the most genial member of the state press, he easily carries the colors.

Why should Albert Gilchrist draw the culinary line on fried okra? What's the matter with stewed oyster plants and roasted parsnips? If he expects the housewives of Florida to boom him for governor he must not stop at one lonesome recipe to swell the table delicacies. He must remember that Wallace Stovall is in the hotel business and will soon be in a position to dish out recipes by the

Editor Wallace Stovall, of the Tampa Tribune, has caught the hotel fever and caught it bad. He has leased the Tampa Bay and bought the Arno, and it is suggested that he has designs on the Ponce de Leon and the Royal Poinciana. Mr. Flagler should have a care. Talk about Wallace being Broward's successor. He He is a very busy man.

SOME YERY WARM TALK,

This Sounds Almost Like Political Rebellion.

The light the True Democrat is throwing upon the state printing should cause the people to sit up and take notice of the corruption that has flourshed about this work for years. It would be interesting if the Democrat would show if some of the bills were as carefully audited as those for other kinds of printing-the delinquent tax list for instance.

As showing the strength of the clique mixed up in this business the following incident is of importance: A salesman for a wholesale paper house became worried over the credit he had extended to the state printer, came to Tallahassee during a session of the legislature hoping to collect, or at least get some assurance of payment. A talk over the matter secured nothing but the advice to seek Governor Jennings.

"He will tell you that I am allright," said the strte printer in parting with the salesman.

That individual returned from his interview with the governor in the best of spirits.

"It is all right," he declared. "Governor Jennings explained things me and it is much bigger than

The finances are a little tight just now, but there will be plenty of money in a little while, and the governor told me not to fear for my account, as my house would be paid every cent by the state printer.

The executive's explanation was so soothing that the line of credit was

Of course this was a kindly act or the part of Sennings. It could not be otherwise, for who would connect a statesman and executive of a great state with the paltry graft dribbling from the state printing?

Hilson had toted Santa Rosa county to the state convention for Jennings, and pacification of the salesman was appreciation of that favor. Only that and nothing more-would be the construction by friends of Florida's "best" governor.-Arcadia News.

During our recent trip to New York we had a very pleasant interview with Mr. H. M. Flagler. He is in splendid health, as straight as an arrow, and, although seventy-six years of age, would easily pass for sixty. He attributes his remarkable vigor to his simplicity of living. He says that he was poor until after he had passed middle life and when he began to accumulate riches his habits were already formed, so no part of his life has been spent in luxurious or riotous living. He eats three simple meals a day, and, except on extraordinary occasions, retires at 9:30 and enjoys sound slumber. He says the country is enjoying a season of unrivaled prosperity; that sixty billion of dollars have entered into the channels of trade through entirely new business concerns during the past year. His greatest ambition is to complete his marine railroad to Key West and live until the accomplishment of the great undertaking. The work will not be let by contract, as was at first proposed, as there is such a vast difference in the bids. In a little while a large number of laborers will be at work on this stupendous enterprise. Mr. Flagler is certainly a good friend of

The digging of the tide water canal from the St. Lucie river at Stuart to Lake Okeechobee and from the lake to the Caloosahatchee river, will be the greatest public improvement ever undertaken by the state of Florida. Besides reclaiming millions of acres of the most fertile lands of the state, it will be the beginning of a system of water transportation that has not heretofore been thought probable. It will only be a matter of a few years before Stuart will be on the line of the large ocean steamship routes between New York and South Amercan ports, and the now dreaded competition of Cuban pines will be a thing of the past .-- St. Lucie Tribune.

One of the best literary critics in Ocala says that Dr. Lindsay's sermon Sunday morning on "Books" was the finest ever delivered in this city. hasn't got time to play governor. It is unfortunate that more did not

Charges Graft in the Comptroller's

For the entire four years of the incumbency of the late Hon. Wm. H. Reynolds as comptrolier, the annual reports of that official aggregated 354 pages; for the ensuing four years, under Comptroller Croom, the annual reports aggregated 1,542 pages, an increase of more than 395 per cent in this single item of official printing. This enormous mass of badly-executed work was not made necessary by any abnormal increase in the transactions of the office, but bears all the ear-marks of a "put-up-job," to make unlawful gain out of the people, and could not have been possible under the administration of such a man as

Is it any wonder that the belief generally prevailed that the comptroller and the state printer were unitedly interested in a miserable scheme to extract the people's money from the state treasury for an unnecessarily exaggerated mass of slouchy work?-Tailahassee True Democrat.

Unless the comptroller is a more industrious man than the most of us he would not take upon himself all this labor just for a little rake off in the printing. He can no doubt find in his office easier roads to graft than the one here pointed out.

Locking the Stable Door After the Horse has Fled.

The state auditor has discovered, after an expert accountant revealed the fact, that I. J. McCall, formerly clerk of Hamilton county, was "short" in his accounts, this shortage covering a period of two years, no investigation having been made of the books beyond that time. At this stage it is pertinent to ask: "Why did not the state auditor find this irregularity, and at an earlier date?"

This is a matter concerning the people, and they are entitled to know thy this official neglect occurred.

The Hamilton county incident clearly reveals official laxity or stu pidity that renders such an office a farce in the course of its conduct.

It is indeed poor protection that fails to discover peculation or shortage until long after the accomplishment of such acts.

And, by the way, in every case, whether accounts are found correct or discrepancies exist, the whole report should be given the public.

Such is necessary because cases occur where defalcation is found and friends of the defalter make good the theft on condition that silence be maintained and the embezzling official kept from "disgrace." -- DeSoto County News.

"Don't Tread on me Coat Tail."

Colonel Frank Walpole, the famous fighting editor of the Manatee Record, who is always hungering and thirsting for a political slugging match, now that the summer is over and mosqnitoes have quit biting, proposes to resume beligerent operations with such energy as may cause half the male citizens of Tampa to take to the woods. In the last issue of his paper he prints this terrifying

"A little later the Record proposes to handle a few political propositions without gloves. If a few people in Tampa and elsewhere get hurt we can't help it .-- Punta Gorda Herald.

Came to Florida as Tramps.

From the testimony, pro and con, it appears that the editors of the Florida Index and Gainesville Sun both "tramped" into their respective villages. Still some folks are always harping about tramps, insisting that they should be barred out of the state or put to work .-- Tallahassee Capital.

Hon. Jeff Davis, one of the best known newspaper men in the state, was a pleasant visitor to this office yesterday. Mr. Davis owns a newspaper at Live Oak and has leased the Citrus County Chronicle. He is wedded to newspaper life and is a born newspaper man.

Dr. Porter is hopeful that he can stamp out the yellow fever in Pensa-

The Elks of Gainesville are going to

big fair is making.

SERMON ON BOOKS.

Sermon by Rev. W. C. Lindsay a the Ocala Presbyterian Church, Sunday, October 15

Courtesy of the Ocala Evening Star. I Tim. 4:13: "Until I come, give attention to reading."

II Tim. 4:13: "Bring the books with

Paul never neglected one dutythe duty of self culture, through reading. Certain companions were always with him-his favorite authors. Himself a Hebrew, by much study he became a cosmopolitan-a citizen of the wide lying universe. Like Emerson, he believed that "the scholar was a favorite of heaven and earth, the excellency of his country and the happiest of men." Could he speak to our

age today, his message would be

something about good books. Our greatest things are not rapid transit, steamships, engines, comforts and luxuries-but books. Not the telephone, by which men speak across continents, but books by which living men and dead men speak across centuries. Books are our universities, where souls are made professors. Books are levelers, not by lowering the great, but by lifting the small.

God has given four inferior teach-

ers-travel, occupation, industry and conversation; and four superior teachters-love, grief, death and books. Wisdom is derived from these various sources. All of our faculties are limited, but books come in and increase them all. Books make us contemporaries with Socrates, Solomon and Senaca, with Caesar, Cicero and Christ. They make us citizens of every clime and country. This book-the New Testament-makes us better acquainted with Christ than the people of Nazareth, Samaria or Jerusalem could ever be. They could get only momentary glimpses of Him, but the gospels put us down right by the side of Christ and give us his life in its beautiful whole. Thus books acquaint us with the best men in their best moods.

Books are tools for the mind. They multiply our advantages, enabling us to reap in many harvest fields. They enable us to visit climes, cities, ancient and modern civilizations; they enable us to save time and strength: they increase our manhood and add to our brain force. With books a man of seventy is wiser than he could possibly be, though he lived thousands of years, without them. Books change a a man's enemies into his friends. They shield him against ignorance, one of from superstitition-another enemyand they fill him with gratitude. Thank God for books, cheering our solitude, soothing our sickness, refining our passions, bringing victory out of defeat. That boy, that girl, can hardly fail in character, success and happiness who, day by day, goes to school to the sages and seers. Experience, supplemented by books, teaches us more in one year than experience alone can teach in twenty.

Books also preserve for us the spirit of earth's great ones. God sends, at long intervals of time, a few sons of life and world, they see wondrous sights not seen by our eyes. They hear melodies too fine for our dull ears. What others see as bits of coal they see as diamonds. When the time comes, the forces of genius break forth in book or song or poem. Seldom come these elect ones. Platos, only one, and then all men became better thinkers. Well did Charles Lamb say that men should say grace, not only over meals, but over a table full of good books. Man has no truer friends. Earth offers no richer ban-

Now let us search out the use and ourpose of reading. The hunger of the body for food is not more real than the hunger of the mind for facts and principles. Ignorance is weakness. Success is knowing how. Books make us strong by killing the ignorance and make us successful by showing us now. Life is too short to obtain all he knowledge we need through conversation and travel. Books alone can supplement experience and give the information that makes man ready against the day of battle.

Mrs. Browning said: "No child can be called fatherless who has God and his mother; no youth can be friendless who has God and the companionship of good books." Books show us the progress of the race and the continuity of history. Books lead us backward along the pathway of law, liberty and religion, and set us down in front of the greatest of earth, to be taught by them. All reforms of today go back to some reform of yesterday. Our art goes back to Athens. Our laws go back to Blackstone and Justinian. Washington took the sword of liberty from Cromwell. The Presbyterian and reformed churches lock hands with Luther and Savonarola. And the unbroken procession leads us back, till at last we come to Him, who is our Savior and friend, Jesus, the Christ.

It puts us under a divine spell to know that we are co-workers with the great men of earth, as well as single threads in the warp and woof of civilization. Thus books not only relate us to our own age but to all ages, and then they go on to stimulate us to newer and greater achievements.

But it is as dangerous to read the first book one chances upon as for a stranger to make friends with the first people he sees in a new town. We ought, therefore, to be as careful erect a twenty thousand dollar build- about the selection of our books as our friends. I lament the large number of trashy books published, and, Tampa is proud of the progress her seeing such an avalanche, I sometimes think that the printing press

has become the scourge of the human race. Books, by very multitude, bewilder. Careless and purposeless reading weakens the mind and often destroys the soul. Books no more mean culture than law means virtue. So the necessity of a severe selection is upon us. But certain books all must read.

A Course of Reading

Each year we should take a fresh look about the world in which we live. If God so loved this star as to make us out of its very dust we ought to love to study it well, because here is enacted the great drama of man's life and death. It would be an ungracious thing for us to go on living here without knowing all all we can about it. The evenings of one week spent with Geikie and Dana will do for this work. Another week with Gray will tell us all about the plants and trees. Another week with Audubon and Agassiz will tell us all about birds, and beasts and fish. Another week with Maury will take us on a voyage in a glass-bottom boat, more than 3000 leagues under the sea. And, having journeyed around the earth, we ought to make a study of ourselves, as physical, mental and spiritual beings. And from the individual man we should study man in the aggregate, as races. Then we should take up biography, and read the lines of the greatest of earth. Nor should we forget the books of art, wherein the facts of life are idealized and carried up to beauty, such as the great dramas, poems and novels.

But apart from, and above all other books, study the Bible. It alone has civilized whole nations. In it the greatest geniuses of time tell us of things they caught fresh from the skies. It is the one book that can fully lead forth the richest, deepest, sweetest things in man's nature. Read all other books, philosophy, poetry, history, fiction, but if you would refine your judgment, fertilize your reason, wing your imagination, attain the finest womanhood and sturdiest manhood, read this book, reverently, prayerfully, daily. Read, indeed the 100 great books. If you have no time make time and read them. Read, as toil the slaves of Golconda, casting away the rubbish and keeping the gems. Read, to transmute facts into life But read daily the book of conduct, character and eternal life. For the book which the great men of earth have placed under their pillows while dying is the book all should carry in their hands while living.

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